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**District Man Found Guilty of Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack Cocaine**

WASHINGTON - Alfred Thompson, 36, of the District of Columbia, was found guilty October 21, 2009, by a jury in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine base (also known as "crack" cocaine) and possessing marijuana, announced Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips. The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on January 5, 2010, and faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment.

Thompson was found guilty following a two-day trial before the Honorable James Robertson, U.S. District Court Judge. According to the government's evidence, Thompson was apprehended by Metropolitan Police Department ("MPD") officers after he ran away from a vehicle during a routine traffic stop, threw to the ground a bag containing over 50 grams of crack cocaine and 4 grams of marijuana, and led officers on a foot chase. Officers eventually located and arrested Thompson, who was found hiding inside a home on Stevens Road, SE. At the time of his arrest, Thompson was found in possession of over \$2,700 in U.S. currency, which was ultimately seized and administratively forfeited.

In announcing the guilty verdict, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of MPD officers Kevin Naus, Brian Brown, and James O'Bannon, as well as MPD Detective Anthony Washington and Forensic Chemist Lois Geer of the Drug Enforcement Administration, all of whom testified at trial. Mr. Phillips also praised the work of Legal Assistant Jacquelyn Akyea, who assisted in the preparation of the case, Litigation Technology support staff members Joshua Ellen and Joseph Calvarese, who prepared audio-visual exhibits for trial, Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephen J. Spiegelhalter and Keith Becker, who prosecuted the case at trial, and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bridgette Crafton and Vince Caputy, who assisted in the investigation of the case.

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